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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on July 05, 2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of new reference(s).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claim 18 is rejected** under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kunieda et al. (US patent # 6,593,805 B2), and further in view of Molnar et al. (US patent # 6,081,566) and Sanderford, Jr. et al. (US patent # 6,111,911).

Regarding claim 18, Kunieda et al. discloses (figure 18):

- Oversampling (2201) the input signal (column 8, lines 62 - 67);
- Separating (separate baseband signal component into 2003, 2005, 2207, 2209, column 9, lines 1 - 7) the baseband signal component from the input signal (2201);

Kunieda et al. differs from the instant claimed invention that it does not expressly show:

- Separating the blocker signal component from the oversampled input prior to decimation;
- Detecting the amplitude of the blocker signal component.

However, Molnar et al. discloses:

- Separating the blocker signal component (column 7, lines 5 – 12) from the oversampled input signal (column 16, lines 25 – 31) prior to decimation (column 6, lines 26 – 29).

While, Sanderford, JR. et al. discloses:

- Detecting (column 2, lines 66 and 67) the amplitude (column 3, lines 24 – 27) of the blocker signal component (column 2, lines 62 and 63, it detects the jamming signal component by ASK data modulation technique).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Kunieda et al.'s teaching, Molnar et al.'s teaching, and Sanderford, Jr. et al.'s teaching as providing the requirements of the instant claimed invention for effecting of raising the minimum detectable signal level as well as lowering the process gain achievable (column 1, lines 19 and 20 of Sanderford, Jr. et al.).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Smith (US patent application publication # 2003/0021367 A1) discloses a radio receiver.

Freeman et al. (US patent # 6,937,176 B2) discloses an ultrasonic signal acquisition digital beamformer.

Nagle et al. (US patent # 6,813,319 B1) discloses a system and its corresponding method for transmitting digital information using interleaved delta modulation.

Limberg (US patent # 6,771,707 B1) discloses a digital television receiver converting vestigial-sideband signals to double-sideband AM signals before demodulation.

Reber (US patent # 6,393,070 B1) discloses a digital communication device and a mixer.

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Khan et al. (US patent # 6,272,226 B1) discloses an apparatus and its corresponding method for masking audio signals in a distribution system.

Miller et al. (US patent # 5,930,231) discloses a block spectrum receiver for a broadband communication system

Thurston (US patent # 5,668,552) discloses analog-to-digital converters.

Contact Information

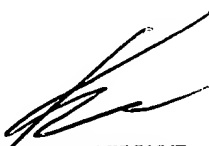
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung X. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3010. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 17:00 PM.

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